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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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1. FURTHER INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL CHANGES AT
THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ON THE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IS
PROVIDED BELOW.

2. MINISTER ALBERTO RAMASSO VALACCA HAS SUCCEEDED
GIOVANI MIGLIUOLO AS ENERGY COORDINATOR, A POSITION
BETWEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND OFFICE DIRECTOR IN THE
BUREAU. BORN IN ROME IN 1927, GRADUATED IN LAW FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME IN 1948, RAMASSO JOINED THE
COMMERCIAL SERVICE IN 1953, SERVED IN COMMERCIAL POSI-
TIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, IN THE MINISTRY OF
STATE HOLDINGS, PARIS, PRAGUE AND RIO DE JANEIRO.
RAMASSO RETURNED TO BUREAU IN 1971 AS DIRECTOR OF
OFFICE II (RELATIONS WITH CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMIES)
AND THEN SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA FROM MID-
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1973 TO FEW WEEKS AGO.

3. COUNSELOR GIOVANNI MINGAZZINI (SEE PARA 1.F. OF
REFTEL)- BEING REPEATED TO RABAT) HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO
RABAT AS DCM. MINGAZZINI SERVED FROM 1963 TO 1968 AT
PARIS AND FROM 1968 TO 1973 AT TEHERAN, ALWAYS IN
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITIONS. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

4. BENITO VOLPI, WHO HAS SERVED AS MINGAZZINI'S DEUPTY CHIEF (FOFICE VIII--MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) SINCE 1973, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE HAGUE. HE SERVED IN KHARTOUM FROM 1965 TO 1969 AND AT CAIRO FROM 1969 TO 1973. VOLPI IS INTELLIGENT, OPEN AND FRIENDLY. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON RAMASSO VALACCA FROM DEPARTMENT AND/OR JIDDA.GARDNER

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